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Honorable Richard Neal  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Kevin Brady  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairman Neal, Ranking Member Womack, and distinguished Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the American Academy of Actuaries'<sup>1</sup> Health Practice Council, I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following for the official record of your committee's June 12 hearing regarding pathways to a universal health care system.

Earlier this year, the Academy's Health Practice Council published an issue paper, [\*Expanding Access to Public Insurance Plans\*](#). The paper outlines possible approaches for the implementation of a public health insurance plan, including the establishment of a public health insurance option, Medicare/Medicaid buy-ins, and a single-payer system. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the paper in more detail with you and your staff, as well as with other members of the committee.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact David Linn, the Academy's senior health policy analyst (202.785.6931; [linn@actuary.org](mailto:linn@actuary.org)).

Sincerely,

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CC: Members of the House Committee on Ways and Means

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